REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT HIGH SPEED MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FULLY HOSTED, TIME-SENSITIVE, TELEPHONE, EMAIL, TTY AND SMS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

RFP No. 09-54

Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Director, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 7, 2009 for the furnishing of the following to the City of Somerville:

The City of Somerville, Communications Department, through its Purchasing Department, is soliciting proposals to lease or subscribe to a hosted, online high-speed mass notification system than can deliver time-sensitive voice and text messages to the entire city or designated subpopulations, including residents and businesses in designated geographic areas. The contract will be for a period of one year with two (2) one year options to renew.

Copies of the Request For Proposal may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Director, Somerville City Hall, 1st Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143, on and after **Wednesday, April 22, 2009** between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays.

The successful Proposer must be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the proposal process, and accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

THERE MUST BE NO MENTION OF THE APPLICANT'S FEE IN THE PROPOSAL. ANY MENTION OF THE FEE WILL SUBJECT THE PROPOSAL TO REJECTION.

Questions concerning the Request for Proposals may be submitted in writing by **4:30 p.m.**, **Wednesday**, **April 29 2009** to Rositha Durham, Purchasing Director, at the address above, by fax (617-625-1344) or email at rdurham@somervillema.gov. Answers will be sent to all vendors who received the Request for Proposals (RFP) through the Purchasing Department.

Rositha Durham Purchasing Director 617-625-6600 x3400

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